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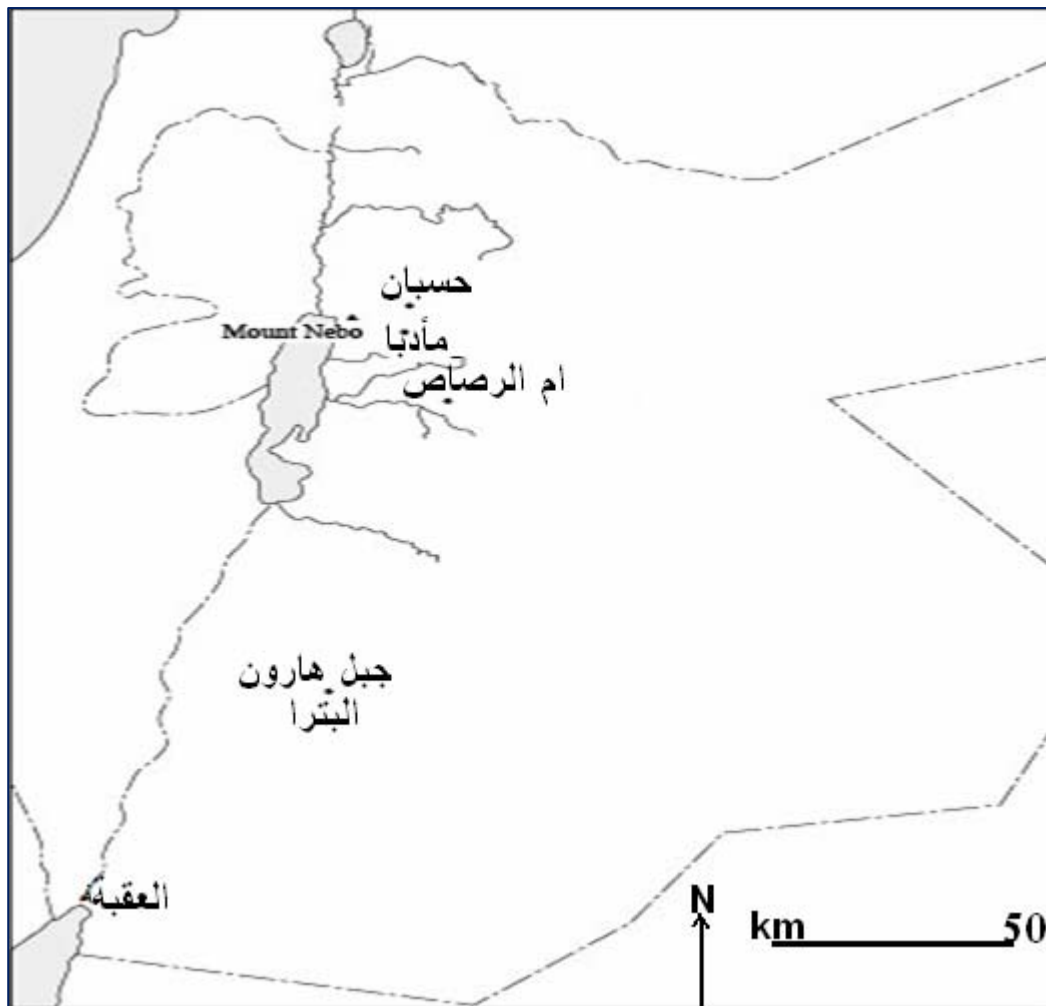
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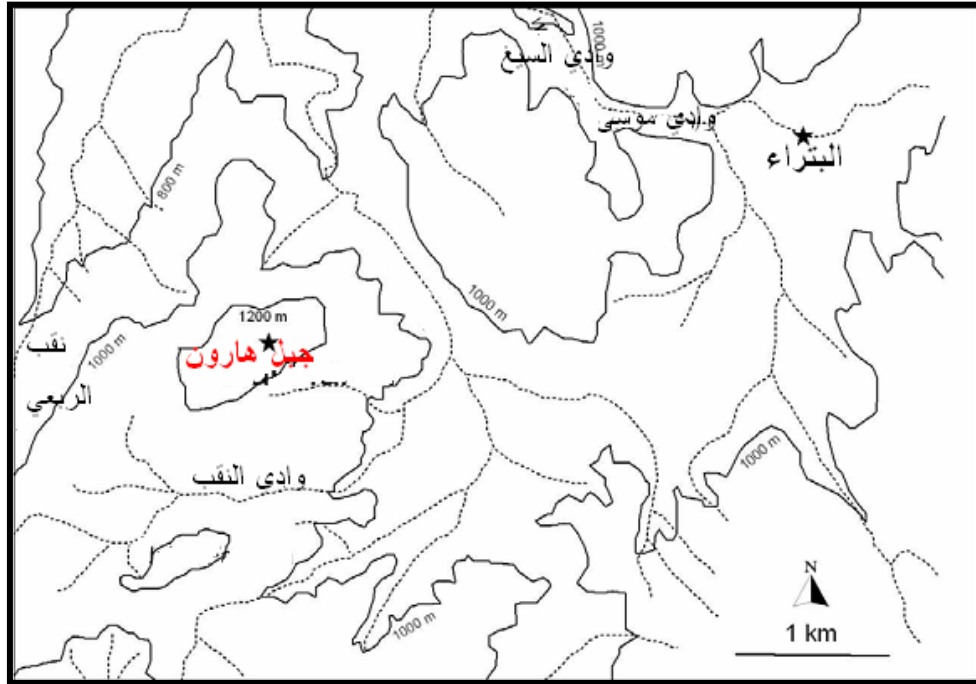
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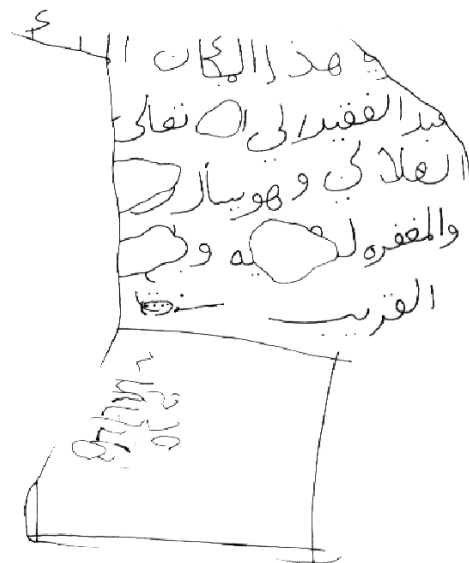
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# **The Festival of Nebi (Prophet) Hārūn in Petra. A History of the Festival and the Sanctuary**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This research sheds light on the history of the Festival of Nebi (Prophet) Hārūn in Petra and the sanctuary during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It focuses on a description of the Nabi Hārūn shrine and references to the Prophet Hārūn in ancient, Byzantine and Islamic sources, as well as the accounts of the European travellers who visited Petra between the 18th and 20th century.

The research discusses the historical roots of the Festival of Nabi Hārūn, its history and customs related to visitation of the shrine, based on historical accounts and structured personal interviews with informants (both men and women) who experienced the feast and participated in it.

**KEYWORDS:** Prophet Hārūn, Petra, Religious Festivals.

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